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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-7 (cancelled)

8 (Currently amended). An isolated DNA molecule consisting of a sequence coding for a polypeptide tolerogen which suppresses the autoimmune response of an individual to acetylcholine receptor, wherein said polypeptide tolerogen tolerogen is selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues 1-121 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (ii) a polypeptide consisting of amino acid residues
 122-210 of SEQ ID NO:2;
- (iii) a polypeptide $H\alpha 1-205$ consisting of amino acid residues 1-205 of SEQ ID NO:2; and
- (iv) a polypeptide Hα1 210 consisting of amino acid residues 1 210 of SEQ ID NO:2; and

(v) a polypeptide as defined in (i)-[[(iv)]](iii), fused to an additional polypeptide at its N- and/or C-termini, wherein a human acetylcholine receptor α -subunit portion, consisting of amino acid residues 1-121 of SEQ ID NO:2, amino acid residues 122-210 of SEQ ID NO:2, or amino acid residues 1-

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